

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE (MICN)
FIELD OBSERVATION**

REFERENCE NO. 1011

PURPOSE: To establish the functions and responsibilities of the MICN/MICN candidate while participating in field observation for EMS continuing education (CE) credit or completion of certification requirements.

AUTHORITY: California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.56, 1797.175; California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapters 4, 11

DEFINITIONS: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN): A registered nurse authorized by the Medical Director of the local EMS agency to provide prehospital advanced life support or issue instructions to prehospital emergency personnel within an EMS system according to standardized procedures developed by the local EMS agency consistent with statewide guidelines.

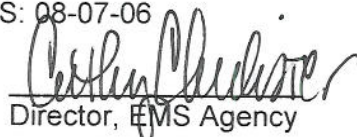
POLICY:

- I. Field observation is an extension of the MICN's responsibilities, providing first-hand knowledge of how Los Angeles County treatment and legal protocols are applied in the prehospital setting.
- II. Pre-discussion and arrangements for field observation shall be performed with the sponsoring agency's EMS CE program director or clinical director.
- III. The EMS CE program director or clinical director will work with the individual MICN/MICN candidate to determine the field observation schedule.
- IV. The MICN/MICN candidate will be covered by the sponsoring agency's Workman's Compensation and malpractice insurance or other similar coverage.
- V. The rules and regulations of the provider agency will prevail and adhered to by the MICN/MICN candidate.
- VI. The sponsoring agency's employee identification badge must be worn and visible at all times throughout the field observation.
- VII. The MICN/MICN candidate will dress in a professional and sensible manner.
- VIII. The primary function of the MICN/MICN candidate is to observe Paramedic operations. The MICN/MICN candidate is not to become involved in the normal sequence of events.
- IX. The MICN/MICN candidate may only participate in patient care activities:
 - A. At the request of the Paramedic(s), within the California Registered Nurse scope of practice.

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- B. When the MICN/MICN candidate observes a life threatening situation not recognized by the Paramedic(s), e.g., when an unsafe drug or dosage is going to be administered or when a serious or life threatening problem is overlooked in the patient's assessment.
 - C. The MICN's name and certification number shall be recorded on the EMS Report Form when an MICN participates or intervenes in the care of a patient. If the individual performing the field observation is an MICN candidate, their name and RN license number shall be recorded.
- X. Field Observation Documentation and Credit
- A. To assure credit for performing the field observation:
 - 1. Form shall be signed and dated by the Paramedic with their Accreditation number.
 - 2. Results of experience for each objective shall be documented in detail in the results of experience box or on a separate sheet of paper.
 - 3. Complete the Field Observation Preceptor Evaluation form
 - 4. Submit completed forms to the sponsoring agency's EMS CE program director or clinical director for review.
 - B. MICN Candidate
 - 1. Candidate shall observe a minimum of one (1) ALS patient assessment with base hospital contact to observe full continuum of care.
 - 2. MICN Candidate Field Observation Documentation form shall be used from the forms section of the Agency web page.
 - C. MICN
 - 1. Certified MICN shall sign a course roster for EMS CE credit with issuance of course completion certificate after review by the program director.
 - 2. MICN Recertification Field Observation CE Documentation form shall be used from the EMS CE Manual.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 1010, **Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) Certification/Recertification**
Ref No. 1013, **EMS Continuing Education (CE) Provider Approval and Program Requirements**

Los Angeles County EMS Continuing Education Program Manual